

# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** August 15, 2012

**TO:** Transportation Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Programmatic Choices for CDOT's Budget

With the passage of MAP-21, OFMB, OPRG, and many others have been busily analyzing the new and old federal legislation to find the effects on CDOT's Budget. The new federal legislation is designed to have fewer programmatic requirements and simply hold states responsible for meeting performance measures in whatever manner is most productive for the DOT. During discussions of the new legislation in July workshops, Commissioner Reiff expressed a desire to maximize flexibility given to us by this new legislation, to which many Commissioners responded positively. In that vein, staff assessed the budget and would like to show the simplification of not only federal funding programs, but also previous TC created programs.

Attached are two versions of the CDOT budget. One shows the regular budget and illustrates which programs are no longer mandated by FHWA, and which programs are created based on TC previous direction. The second sheet shows only mandatory programs—removing all those that are shown as no longer mandated or required due to TC direction. This is intended to spark the discussion of what programs the TC wants to keep and which it would like to make flexible. Staff is not suggesting that all programs should be eliminated, but simply asking the TC which, if any, should be removed for FY14 and future budgets.

The second sheet is presented with no dollar amounts. We are reasonably confident that no changes to FY13 budget should be necessary based on MAP-21. Staff is putting together information to show how the MAP-21 legislation will increase the flexibility allowed the TC in future years, by showing minimum program financial requirements. This will be completed by TC meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided prior to the meeting next week, please feel free to call me at (303) 757-9171 or email at [laurie.freedle@dot.state.co.us](mailto:laurie.freedle@dot.state.co.us), or to contact Ben Stein at (303)757-9168 or [ben.stein@dot.state.co.us](mailto:ben.stein@dot.state.co.us).